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WEAVING IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether spinning and weaving sector being reserved category for small scale industries is providing employment to large persons in urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of persons earning their livelihood by making production in this sector;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to delist the spinning and weaving sector from the reserved list for Small Scale Industry; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b): Though the spinning and weaving sectors are not reserved category for small scale industries(SSI), the employment being provided by these sectors is as follows:-

Sectors	Number of Persons Employed
Spinning (SSI)	40961 (as on 30.04.2005)
Powerloom Weaving (SSI)	4757383 (as on 31.03.2005)
Total	4798344

(c)&(d) Since spinning and weaving are not in the reserved list of small scale industry, the question of their de-listing does not arise.